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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Marc O. SCHURR et al.)

Application No.: 09/957,451)

Group Art Unit: 3731

Filed: September 21, 2001)

Examiner: P. Roberts

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an election/restriction requirement dated October 1, 2003, the Examiner required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, directed to claims 1-7, 47-64, 70-85, and 98-101; Group II directed to claims 8-14; Group III directed to claims 15-23; Group IV directed to claims 24-34, and 102-110; Group V directed to claims 35-46, 65-69, 86-97, and 111-119; and Group VI directed to claims 86-97. Applicants elect to prosecute Group I. Accordingly, Applicants request examination of claims 1-7, 47-64, 70-85, and 98-101.

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